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SUBJECT: SOUTH AFRICAN QUESTION AND ARTICLE VI REVISIONS:
REVISED INSTRUCTIONS

REFS.: (A) IAEA V. 2855 (B) STATE 37497 (C) STATE 83685

∴ DEPT APPRECIATES MISSION CABLE (REF.A) AND THE THOUGHT
WHICH MISSION HAS GIVEN TO POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS TO SOUTH
AFRICAN PROBLEM AND PRESSURES FOR BOARD EXPANSION. MISSION
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IS AUTHORIZED TO CONSULT WITH OTHER MISSIONS USING LINE THAT
THE US IS OPPOSED TO EXPANSION, BUT IS WILLING TO DISCUSS
AND SEEK SOLUTIONS TO REAL PROBLEMS, BUT THE SOLUTIONS MUST
BE RATIONAL, MODERATE AND ACHIEVABLE.

2. FYI: DEPT BELIEVES SOME EXPANSION OF THE BOARD IS IN-
EVITABLE AND OUR INTERESTS WOULD BE BEST SERVED IF THE

SOUTH AFRICAN SEAT ON THE BOARD PROBLEM COULD BE RESOLVED AT SAME TIME. WE FEEL THAT WILLINGNESS OF SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT TO TAKE POSITIVE STEP TOWARD NPT ADHERENCE OR OTHER SIMILAR STEP WILL BE VERY IMPORTANT TO SUCCESS OF EFFORT ON BEHALF OF SOUTH AFRICA. END FYI.

3. DEPT CONCERNED ABOUT FORMULA FOR BOARD EXPANSION WHICH WOULD GO BEYOND MOST PRESSING NEED AT THIS STAGE TO RESOLVE

SOUTH AFRICAN QUESTION AND PRESSURE FOR LIMITED EXPANSION FROM AFRICAN AND SOUTH ASIAN MEMBERS. WE DO NOT SEE NEED TO TIE IN WESTERN EUROPEAN DISPUTE OVER ITALIAN SEAT, PARTICULARLY SINCE ANOTHER SEAT FOR WESTERN EUROPE WOULD RUN RISK OF CLAIMS FROM OTHER REGIONS - I.E. LATIN AMERICA AND EASTERN EUROPE. THEREFORE, DEPT CONTINUES TO BELIEVE THAT THE WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES SHOULD WORK OUT A SOLUTION THEMSELVES WITHIN THE PRESENT STATUTE FRAMEWORK. WITH THIS EXCEPTION, MISSION MAY EXPLORE SCENARIO LAID OUT IN REF.A ON AN INFORMAL BASIS AND WITHOUT USG COMMITMENT. FYI: ONE PROBLEM WHICH WE FORESEE IS OBTAINING ADEQUATE ASSURANCE THAT PART OF SCENARIO CONCERNING DESIGNATION OF SOUTH AFRICA AND ANOTHER AFRICAN STATE CAN BE GUARANTEED. END FYI.

4. FYI: IF WE GET SOME ACTION BY SOUTH AFRICA TOWARD NPT ADHERENCE OR ON ACCEPTANCE OF FULL FUEL CYCLE SAFEGUARDS, IN RESPONSE COORDINATED APPROACHES UNDERWAY IN CAPETOWN (REFTEL C), THEN THE DEPT MIGHT CONSIDER A FORMULA WHICH WOULD INVOLVE SETTLEMENT OF ARTICLE VI AND SOUTH AFRICAN CONFIDENTIAL

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QUESTION BY ND AN AGREEMENT THAT SOUTH AFRICA WOULD RETAIN ITS SEAT ON THE BOARD IN EXCHANGE FOR US SUPPORT FOR REASONABLE AND MODERATE BOARD EXPANSION AND A US CAMPAIGN FOR EARLY RATIFICATION OF AMENDMENT TO ACHIEVE THIS. DEPT WOULD APPRECIATE MISSION AND USUN VIEWS ON THIS POSSIBLE BARGAIN. END FYI.

5. WITH REGARD TO PARA 5 OF REF.A, DEPT HAS DOUBTS ABOUT MISSION SUGGESTION FOR ARTICLE VI REVISION ON POINT SD - I.E. PROVISION FOR A NINTH REGION AND WOULD PREFER THAT THIS NOT BE EXPLORED EVEN INFORMALLY WITH OTHER DELEGATIONS UNTIL WE HAVE GIVEN FURTHER THOUGHT TO WHOLE QUESTION OF ARTICLE VI REVISION.
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